

16: Müller--235 [7]
116, 372, 178

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Formosan Aborigines

For firemaking the natives for the most part use firestone, but they also have matches which they obtain through barter. The aborigines on Botel Tobago obtain fire by rubbing two sticks of wood together. This method was used on the main island in former times and among the Tsarisen and Vonum tribes is still employed today for certain religious festivals, especially for lighting the sacred flame. Many of the Tsarisen and Paiwan aborigines also use a fire drill.

18: Kakyo--67 [3]

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(no date) 1899

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116, 372

They strike fire from stone.

22; Wiedfeldt--9-10
116, 177, 372

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Formosan Aborigines
Atayal

They now make a fire with flint and steel, which they get from the Chinese, but in isolated cases they are already using Japanese matches. It is said that in the interior they still make a fire by rubbing two sticks together, which was said to be the only method used by the border tribes also up to two decades ago. The legends and customs with which the peoples of colder countries invest the obtaining and keeping of the fire which is such a vital necessity in their lives are unknown to the Atayals. They are also unacquainted with conflagrations, for after preparing a meal, they put out the fire, inasmuch as they do not need it to heat their dwellings. Moreover, the fire would find little to feed on [10] in the luxuriant foliage surrounding it and in view of the high degree of humidity.

22: Wiedfeldt--33[2]
116, 412, 241, 372

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Atayal

If man, as Franklin says, is an animal that makes tools, then the Atayals, with the implements and weapons that have been enumerated, are well past that boundary, although they lack hoes, fishing-rods, and all kinds of metal tools. They have mastered fire, and they can clear the land for planting by using fire.